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Halfway Fire Update in Tusayan, Grand Canyon, AZ Area

Tusayan/Grand Canyon, AZ – The Halfway fire is currently 20 percent contained and exhibiting minimal fire behavior as it moves into areas that previously experienced either prescribed fire or wildfire. This previous fire history has allowed crews to move quickly and safely to suppress the fire while minimizing risk even in the face of extreme fire weather conditions. Fire management personnel are pleased with progress and are working to complete hand line through this afternoon to the northeast. The fire is approximately 286 acres in size (190 acres on National Forest/96 acres on National Park Service) with over 60 personnel on scene.

Date/Time Reported: Wednesday June 19 approximately 2:55pm

Location: 5 Miles East of Tusayan and North of Ten X Ranch

Cause: Under Investigation

Size: 286 Acres

Landscape/Fuels: Ponderosa Pine Needles

Fire Behavior: Minimal

Road Closures: None at this time

Because of reduced fire activity, Grandview Point has reopened for public use and there are no future anticipated evacuations. Smoke impacts will be minimal to the Grand Canyon area throughout the day.

Visitors are also reminded that Stage 2 fire restrictions remain in place on the Tusayan and Williams Ranger Districts of the Kaibab National Forest. There is also currently a red flag warning which means that critical fire weather conditions are occurring or will occur shortly.

For additional information, please call Holly Krake (USFS), Fire Information Officer, 928-635-5653 or Maureen Oltrogge (NPS), Public Affairs Officer, 928-638-7779.

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